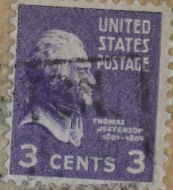


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Annual Report

THORNTON

New Hampshire

Granted: 1768

Settled: 1770

Incorporated: 1781

Total Area: 32640 Acres

Public Lands: 15038 Acres

Altitude: 555 - 2610

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1947

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Thornton, N. H.



Glacial Park Falls, Mill Brook Valley

YEAR ENDING
December 31, 1947

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TOWN OFFICERS, 1947

SELECTMEN

Kenneth W. Robbins	Campton 58-3
Clayton S. Ham	No Phone
Richard T. Bradley	N. W. 3968

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

Irma Sullivan	Campton 24-24
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TAX COLLECTOR

Ida M. Horner	Campton 28-13
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MODERATOR

Frank J. Avery	
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OVERSEER OF POOR—HEALTH OFFICER

Ralph Steele	Campton 44-13
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ROAD AGENTS

Dist. No. 1—John Rivers	Campton 26-14
Dist. No. 2—Scott Benton	Campton 28-11
Dist. No. 3—Fred Adams	No Phone

FIRE WARDENS

Bert Benton	Campton 28-15
Lester Bradley	N. W. 3965
Spencer Ham	No Phone
Carl Broad	Campton 26-4

POLICE

Ralph Steele	Campton 44-13
Scott Benton	Campton 28-11

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Frances Avery, Isabel Ham	
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Glenroy Howland, Scott Benton, Kenneth Robbins	
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SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Ralph Steele, Fred Adams, Clarence Downing	
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SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES

Scott Benton	
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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON in County of Grafton, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET at the Town House, in said Thornton on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.
3. To see what discount will be allowed on taxes paid on or before the first day of September.
4. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid.
5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Budget as printed.
6. To see what action the Town will take concerning the Twin Bridges at Thornton Gore.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise fifteen hundred dollars for tarring at Mad River, and to raise five hundred dollars for re-building a culvert before tarring.
8. To see what will be raised and appropriated for repairs to the Emmons Road, including the placing of guard rails.
9. To see what disposition shall be made of the balances of certain construction funds on hand.
10. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Treasurer of the Trustees of Trust Funds for her services, and appropriate money for the same.

11. To hear the report of the War Service Memorial Committee and to vote an additional sum of money, if necessary.

12. To choose a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention.

Given under our hands and seal, this thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

KENNETH W. ROBBINS,
CLAYTON S. HAM,
RICHARD L. BRADLEY,
Selectmen of Thornton

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

KENNETH W. ROBBINS,
CLAYTON S. HAM,
RICHARD L. BRADLEY,
Selectmen of Thornton

Budget of the**Sources of Revenue**

	Actual 1947	Estimated 1948
From State		
Interest and Dividends Tax \$	165.80	\$ 150.00
Railroad Tax	94.04	90.00
Savings Bank Tax	146.83	140.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal		
Forest lands	1,051.41	1,295.07
For Fighting Forest Fires	107.26	
National Forest Reserve	635.49	433.52
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	225.00	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Income from Trust Funds	80.00	80.00
Income of Departments:		
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment	6.00	
Fire Dept. a/c E. C. Forsyth	78.50	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	628.50	600.00
Sale of Town Property		
Junk	16.00	
Cemetery Lots	30.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
(a) Poll Taxes —		
Regular @ \$2.00	332.00	332.00
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes	\$ 3,596.83	\$ 3,120.59
*Amount to be raised by property taxes	17,350.04	17,275.12
Total Revenues		\$20,395.71

* Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

Town of Thornton

Purposes of Expenditures

	Actual 1947	Estimated 1948
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,171.60	\$ 1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	327.07	350.00
Election and Registration Expenses	24.00	100.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	27.00	
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	26.00	25.00
Fire Department	156.57	100.00
Moth Extermination— Blister Rust	399.60	400.00
Health:		
Health Department, including hospitals		
Vital Statistics	10.00	10.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance: Summer	2,148.72	2,000.00
Town Maintenance: Winter	2,212.75	2,000.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	990.31	800.00
Town Road Aid	265.02	266.18
Libraries	50.00	50.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	42.40	100.00
Old Age Assistance	1,289.40	1,400.00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	10.80	10.00
War Service Memorial		300.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	75.00	100.00
Unclassified:		
Advertising and Regional Associations	45.00	45.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Construction	2,000.00	2,500.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
County Taxes	1,328.96	1,262.78
Payments to School Districts	7,376.75	7,376.75
Total Expenditures	\$19,976.95	\$20,395.71

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ASSESSMENT STATISTICS

(Summary of Inventory)

Land and buildings	\$400,175.00
Growing wood and timber	47,820.00
Horses, 61	6,600.00
Cows, 148	14,525.00
Other neat stock, 40	2,810.00
Sheep and Goats, 42	420.00
Hogs, 2	100.00
Fowls, 460	600.00
Portable mills, 4	2,100.00
Wood, lumber, etc	1,316.50
Gasoline pumps and tanks	475.00
Stock in Trade	3,500.00
Electric Power Lines	61,160.00
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	\$541,601.50

Poll Taxes	452.00
Taxes committed to Collector	\$17,350.04
Average Rate percent of taxation	3.20
Valuation exempt to Soldiers	19,600.00

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LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	200.00
Election & Registration	50.00
Expenses Town Hall	300.00
Fire Dept.	100.00
Summer Road Maintenance	2,000.00
Winter Road Maintenance	2,000.00
General Expenses, Hwy. Dept.	500.00
Town Road Aid	265.02
Libraries	50.00
Town Poor	100.00
Old Age Assistance	1,200.00
Memorial Day	10.00
War Service Memorial	500.00
Cemeteries	75.00
Advertising	45.00
Highway Construction	2,000.00
County Tax	908.92
School Tax	7,810.07
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	\$19,114.01

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance 1946-1947 Appropriation June 30, 1947, per School District Report	\$ 814.00
Appropriation, March, 1947 for 1947-48 School Terms	7,810.07
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	\$ 8,624.07
Orders drawn, Fall Term to Dec. 31, 1947	3,400.00
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Balance on Hand for Term to June 30, 1948	\$ 5,224.07

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land & Bldgs.	\$ 1,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Library Furniture & Equipment	50.00
Fire Equipment	100.00
Highway Dept. Equipment	2,000.00
Materials & Supplies	50.00
Schools, Lands & Bldgs.	4,000.00
Equipment	500.00
George Ripley Homestead	900.00
Carrie Royce lot	50.00
Robert Hazeltine lot	200.00
Owner Unknown, wood lot	100.00
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	\$ 9,500.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer and Town Clerk, and the Road Agents, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched for the year ending December 31, 1947.

NELLIE ADAMS,
OLIVE BENTON,

Auditors.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1947

Cash on hand from last year	\$ 6,718.94
Received from Selectmen	2,635.33
Received from Town Clerk	775.50
Received from Tax Collector:	
1944 Levy	\$ 30.07
1945 Levy	31.36
1946 Levy	1,969.98
1947 Levy	14,525.09
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	\$16,556.50
Refund adjustment on check drawn	.06
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Total Receipts	\$26,686.33
Total Payments	21,717.78
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Cash on Hand	\$ 4,968.55

IRMA SULLIVAN,
Town Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 1947

Received for Auto Permits, 1946	\$ 4.43
Received for Auto Permits, 1947	624.07
Received for Dog Licenses	147.00
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Paid Town Treasurer	\$ 775.50

IRMA SULLIVAN,
Town Clerk.

SOLDIERS' EXEMPTIONS

James Anderson	\$ 600.00
Amos Avery	300.00
Lyman Boyce, Jr.	1,000.00
H. M. Bickford	1,000.00
Mary G. Cooper	1,000.00
Kenneth Dollahite	1,000.00
Clarence Downing	1,000.00
Howard Downing	800.00
Thomas Downing	800.00
Louis Downing	300.00
Ruth Downing	500.00
Joseph Holub	1,000.00
Franklin Haynes	1,000.00
Kenneth Haynes	200.00
Nathaniel Hartwell	1,000.00
John Hayward	400.00
Oscar Inkel	1,000.00
Peter R. Jennings	1,000.00
Frank Karp	1,000.00
Howard H. Murphy	1,000.00
Willard Linnell	1,000.00
Frank and Roger Steele	1,700.00
Mrs. Carl Wescott	1,000.00

Soldiers' exemption applications must be filed with the Selectmen, EACH AND EVERY YEAR, before April 15th. No application can be received nor exemption granted, after the local tax rate is approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Assets

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$ 4,968.55
Cash in hands of Treas. Trust Funds	40.00
Cash in hands of Library Trustees	.88
Due from State:	
Bounties	66.00
National Forest Reserve	433.52
Reimbursement—loss of taxes on State and Federal Land	1,295.07
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1946	59.43
Levy of 1945	102.20
Previous Years	6.36
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1947	2,285.64
Levy of 1946	30.00
Levy of 1945	58.17
Previous Years	67.00
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	\$ 9,570.02

Liabilities

Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations:

Cemetery Improvements	\$ 246.29
Town Roads Construction	791.01
Town House	273.00
War Service Memorial	500.00
Due to School District:	
Dog Licenses, 1947	147.00
Balance of Appropriation	5,224.07
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	\$ 7,181.37
Excess of assets over liabilities	\$ 2,388.65

Town of Thornton**RECEIPTS AND**

Summary of Receipts**From Local Taxes**

Property taxes, 1947	\$14,193.09
Poll taxes, 1947	332.00
Property taxes previous years	1,786.84
Poll taxes previous years	95.00
Interest on taxes	63.06
Tax sales redeemed	86.51

From State

Interest & Dividends tax	165.80
Savings Bank Tax	146.83
Railroad tax	94.04
Reimbursement of loss of tax on	
Public Forest lands	1,051.41
National Forest Reserve	635.49
Fighting Forest Fires	107.26
Bounties	79.00
Reimbursement—Old Age Asst.	225.00

From Local Sources Except Taxes

Dog licenses	147.00
Rent of Town Property	6.00
Registration Autos 1946	4.43
Registration Autos 1947	624.07

Miscellaneous

Refund, E. C. Forsyth fire	78.50
Sale of Junk	16.00
Sale Cemetery lots	30.00

Total Receipts from all Sources	\$19,967.33
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PAYMENTS**Year Ending Dec. 31, '47**

Detail of Payments**Town Officers' Salaries**

Kenneth Robbins	\$ 200.00	
Clayton Ham	175.00	
Richard Bradley	150.00	
Frank Avery, Moderator	10.00	
Irma Sullivan, Clerk and Treas.	200.00	
Irma Sullivan, Auto Commissions	95.50	
Irma Sullivan, Dog License		
Commissions	29.10	
Ida Horner, Tax Collector	200.00	
Ralph Steele, Police	8.00	
Nellie Adams, Auditor	5.00	
Olive Benton, Auditor	5.00	
Vera Hazeltine, Librarian	94.00	
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		\$ 1,171.60

Town Officers' Expenses

Auto and Truck Guide	4.50	
Expense of Auditors	1.20	
Assessors Association	2.00	
Wheeler and Clark, supplies	7.17	
Record Print, printing reports	104.33	
Postage, mailing reports	7.63	
Recording Deeds	5.54	
Probate Transfer	.10	
Tax Books	7.00	
Janitor Service—Library	19.50	
F. J. Shores, Transfers	12.87	
Bonding Town Officers	56.00	
Town Clerks Association	2.00	
Tax Collectors Expenses	33.15	
K. W. Robbins, expenses	35.28	
Richard Bradley, expenses	6.80	
Clayton Ham, expenses	22.00	
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		\$ 327.07

Election and Registration

Ralph Steele, Checklist	14.00	
Fred Adams, Checklist	10.00	
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		\$ 24.00

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Detail of Payments

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Town Hall and Other Buildings

N. H. Electric Cooperative	18.00	
John Williams, table	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 27.00

Police Department

Ralph Steele, salary	26.00	
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Fire Department

Woodstock, for fire at Lake house	15.00	
Bert Benton, fire at Mad River	57.35	
Bert Benton, fire at Sandwich Notch	70.47	
Bert Benton, posting fire notices	10.15	
Bert Benton, truck	3.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 156.57

Moth Extermination, Etc.

John H. Foster, State Forester	399.60	
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Bounties

K. W. Robbins, 36 Hedgehogs	18.00	
Richard Bradley, 25 Hedgehogs	12.50	
Clayton Ham, 31 Hedgehogs, 1 bear	35.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 66.00

Vital Statistics

Irma Sullivan	10.00
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Maintenance Highways and Bridges

Fred Adams, Agt. per his report	656.50	
Scott Benton, Agt. per his report	644.80	
John Rivers, Agt. per his report	1,599.37	
Frank Avery, a/c Mill Brook	9.03	
Clayton Ham, snow plowing	900.90	
State Hwy. Dept., Tar re-surfacing	570.87	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,361.47

Detail of Payments

(Continued)

General Expenses, Highway Dept.

State Hwy. Dept., signs	7.50	
B. M. Clark, repairs, snow plow	19.50	
Frank J. Avery, repairs to equipment		
Town tractor No. 1	110.33	
Rivers' Sander	2.07	
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John Rivers, culvert	29.19	
Everett Steele, bridge plank	150.48	
(Sullivan and Steele Bridges)		
(Forms for culvert)		
State of New Hampshire, Sandwich Notch	300.00	
(Legislative Special App.)		
State Hwy. Dept., Guideboards	29.50	
Chase Grain Mill, Culvert-Gore	34.44	
Everett Steele, Bridge plank	15.84	
(Sawyer Hill culvert)		
State Hwy. Dept., posts	6.00	
Clayton Ham, hauling salt	10.00	
Chase Grain Mill, salt	64.10	
State Hwy. Garage, repairs to sander	16.55	
Frank J. Avery, repairs to equipment		
Town tractor No. 1	184.08	
Sander	7.33	
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Clarence Downing, Watering Trough	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 990.31

Town Road Aid

State of New Hampshire	265.02	
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Libraries

Frances Avery, Trustee	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 50.00

Detail of Payments

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Public Welfare

Town Poor A/C Dr. Copenhaver	42.40	
Old Age Assistance	1,289.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,331.80

Memorial Day

Scott Benton, flags	10.80	
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Public Service Enterprises

Cemetery, Scott Benton	75.00	
Cemetery, Roy Sawyer	48.43	
	<hr/>	\$ 123.43

Unclassified Payments

Taxes bought by Town	92.03	
White Mts. Region Asso.	45.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 137.03

New Construction—permanent Improvements

Mad River (less TRA		
\$265.02 above)*	776.10	
Thornton Gore	1,715.86	
Mill Brook	718.71	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,210.67*

Outstanding Orders Paid

Richard Bradley 1946	150.00	
Ethel Shores 1946	12.00	
John Rivers 1946	161.70	
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County Tax

1,328.96

Payments to School District

Account of Appropriation	6,900.00	
1946 Dog Tax	159.00	
Half of Forest Reserve '47	317.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,376.75

Total expenditures	<hr/> <hr/> \$21,717.78
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1947

Debit

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$16,846.44
Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2.00	452.00

Total Warrant	\$17,298.44
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Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	33.60
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	18.00
Interest Collected	10.94

TOTAL DEBITS	\$17,360.98
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Credit

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$14,182.15
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	332.00
Interest Collected	10.94
Discount Allowed	315.05
Abatements	235.20

Uncollected taxes as per Collector's list:

Property Taxes	2,171.64
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	114.00

TOTAL CREDITS	\$17,360.98
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SUMMARY REPORT

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE

Road Agents Expenses	Summer	Winter
Dist. No. 1	\$ 596.22	\$ 983.15
Dist. No. 2	459.20	185.60
Dist. No. 3	542.30	114.20
State Hwy. Dept. Resurfacing	579.90	
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	\$ 2,177.62	\$ 2,183.85
Total maintenance cost		4,361.47
General Expenses		
Sandwich Notch	300.00	
Garage Expenses	339.86	
Salt	74.50	
Plank	166.32	
Culverts	63.63	
Road Markers and Posts	43.00	
Watering Trough	3.00	
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		\$ 990.31
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Total costs Town Roads		\$ 5,351.78
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Average outlay per mile		\$ 356.78

Excerpt from Public Acts 1947

Chapter 170

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SELECTMEN AND HIGHWAY AGENTS

"Highway agents and expert highway agents shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty, give bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful performance of the duties of the office, and be responsible to them for the expenditure of money and the discharge of their duties generally. The Selectmen may supervise the methods and manner of performance of such agents."

TOWN ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUND

MILL BROOK ROAD

(Scott Benton, Agent)

Cement Tile Culvert	\$ 156.81
State Highway Dept. Shovel	298.80
Scott Benton and truck	136.80
Everett Steele	35.00
Norton White	25.20
George Fadden	17.10
Carl Koford	18.90
Lyman Boyce, Gravel	9.00
David Rogers, Gravel	.60
Chase Grain Mill—Cement	18.00
W. B. Avery, Spikes, etc.	1.20
Frank Avery, Gas and Oil—Mixer	1.30
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Total cost	\$ 718.71

The Town appropriated \$1,500 in 1946, estimated to tar one mile of this road. Six tenths of a mile was tarred at a cost of \$664.83. The balance of the tarring was not completed because of the condition of the above culverts.

The Selectmen asked for an appropriation of \$400 in 1947 to spend on these culverts. The Town voted to use the Balance of the original Appropriation for both the tar and culverts.

The unexpended Balance of original appropriation was \$835.17. The amount spent on Culverts (as above) was \$718.71. The balance now on hand is \$116.46. No tarring was done.

TOWN ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUND

GORE ROAD (Work done by State)

Balance of TRA and Bulldozer Funds on hand	\$ 1,166.51
Cost of Grading this year	566.54
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	\$ 599.97
Appropriation this year for tarring one mile	1,500.00
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	\$ 2,099.97
Cost of Tarring	1,149.32
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Balance	\$ 950.65
Used for overdraft for Steam Shovel at Mad River	276.10
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 674.55

This finishes the TRA job undertaken in 1946, plus the tarring job voted this year. The tar on this job was applied as a top dressing instead of a mixed-in-place application as at Mill Brook. The job did not cost as much as estimated.

MAD RIVER ROAD (John Rivers, Agent)

Appropriation for TRA work	\$ 265.02
Appropriation for Bulldozer	500.00
Overdraft agreed to by Selectmen	276.10
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Total cost to Town	\$ 1,041.12

This is the TRA job for 1947, to prepare road for tarring. The State allotted \$1,060.06 and by combining all the money available, and cooperating with the State Hwy. Dept., a great deal was accomplished more than planned. Besides the grade for tarring, most of the roads in this district have been widened to facilitate the handling of snow. The Selectmen held machinery on this job for a little extra time, and made up the cost from the Gore Account.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

District No. 1

MAD RIVER

Maintenance A/C

John Rivers, Agent

Summer Road Maintenance

John Rivers and Robert	\$ 561.75
Rand's	6.50
W. B. Avery	1.77
Dave Rogers	16.90
Harry Rogers	5.00
Leonard Thibeau	2.80
Cliff Harding	1.50
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	\$ 596.22

Sanding and Snow Plowing

John Rivers and Robert	\$ 939.95
Eliza Haynes	6.80
Jake Uhlman	11.90
Roy Sawyer	7.00
Everett Sawyer	7.00
Edgell's Garage	10.50
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	\$ 983.15

SNOW PLOWING—DIST. 2 AND 3

Clayton Ham	\$ 900.90
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ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

District No. 2

MILL BROOK VALLEY

Maintenance A/C

Scott Benton, Agent

Summer Road

Scott Benton and truck	\$ 151.10
Everett Steele	37.40
Roger Steele	19.50
Bert Benton and truck	74.20
Clayton Ham, tractor	48.00
Charles Benton	22.40
John Benton	8.00
Lyman Boyce, gravel	14.00
Harry Gilman	4.90
Clifford Harding	4.90
John Rivers	45.10
John Goodwin, shovel	4.00
Alton Benton	24.10
Eliza Haynes, gravel	1.60
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	\$ 459.20

Winter Road

Scott Benton	\$ 104.20
Roger Steele	24.50
Charles Benton	7.00
Bert Benton	7.70
Everett Steele	7.20
Scott Benton, Jr.	13.60
John Goodwin, shovel	15.00
Eliza Haynes, gravel	6.40
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	\$ 185.60

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

District No. 3 GORE AND WEST SIDE

Maintenance A/C

Fred Adams, Agent

Winter Account

Smith Merrill and Truck	\$ 54.00
Donald Merrill	25.20
Fred Adams	28.00
Eliza Haynes, Gravel	7.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 114.20

Summer Account

Smith Merrill and Truck	\$ 106.50
Fred Adams	139.70
George Adams	96.90
Clayton Ham and Tractor	73.20
Bert Avery and Truck	41.60
Spencer Ham	14.70
Stanley Adams	11.20
Sam Trousdale	11.20
Donald Merrill	37.80
Eliza Haynes, Gravel	3.00
Daniel Baston, Gravel	4.40
Nelson Brown	2.10
TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 542.30

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Financial Statement

Town funds expended	\$ 399.60
Cooperative funds expended	134.79
Total	<hr/> \$ 534.39
Area covered	935 acres
Currant & gooseberry bushes destroyed	5,683

REPORT SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES

Pine Grove Cemetery	
Scott Benton, mowing	\$ 75.00
Mad River Cemetery	
Roy Sawyer	32.43
Everett Sawyer	16.00
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	\$ 123.43
1946 Walter Lee Fund	
Expended by Roy Sawyer	16.67
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	\$ 140.10

REPORT LIBRARY TRUSTEES

January 27, 1948

Receipts

Cash on Hand, January 28, 1947	\$ 2.96
April Received from Selectmen	35.00
December Received from Selectmen	15.00
Nov. Interest from Lee Trust Fund	40.00
Dues from Librarian	3.70
Paper Salvage	.75

Total Receipts	\$ 97.41
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Payments

Books from H. R. Huntting Co.	\$ 73.08
Magazines	23.45

Total Payments	\$ 96.53
Cash on Hand, January 27, 1948	\$.88

	\$ 97.41
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FRANCES AVERY,

Library Trustee

SELECTMEN'S PAGE

Always do what is right—This will please some of the people, and surprise the rest. — Mark Twain.

Three years ago, our town was saddened by the death of two of its Selectmen within a few months' time. The new Board has now worked together for three years.

It has not been a simple matter to catch on where others left off so suddenly. We have kept our records straight, and accomplished a few things for the good of the Town.

During this period, the Town House has been wired for electricity, the Voting Booths have been enlarged and provided with curtains and lights, and a system of record keeping has been set up. More improvements are in prospect.

Snow plowing has shown improvement, although it may not seem so to some. In plowing door yards, it is impossible to be "everywhere" at once. The roads must come first. The biggest problem regarding door yards is the fact that many are not fit to be plowed. Driveways should be made practical, so that the plow has a chance to do its work.

During the last year, the Old Age Assistance set-up back fired and we got a re-imbursement instead of a bill. This is the first instance of the Law working that way in Town. Also during the same year, the Town was obliged to contribute to a Blister Rust program. The Gooseberry bushes collected were counted, but not delivered to the Town House as requested. The propagation of Blister Rust through a cycle between Gooseberry bushes and Pine trees sounds absurd, but this is an important matter, and control measures are necessary.

Recent years have brought many new-comers to Thornton to live. We take this opportunity to officially welcome these people to town, and to wish them success and happiness here. Just one thing—please don't keep those Hedgehog noses so long, before bringing them to us for the bounty!

THE SELECTMEN.

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Thornton, N. H., on December 31, 1947.

Date of Creation	PURPOSE OF CREATION Care of Cemetery Lots	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int.	Balance of Income		Income During Year	Expended during Year	Balance of Income End of Year
					1st	Year			
Jan. 12, 1929	Leonard Durgin by Dora James	Plymouth Guar. Savings Bank	\$100.00	2% interest	17.57		2.38	3.00	16.95
Jan. 12, 1929	Albert Barnard by Clara Merrill	"	100.00		13.24		2.30	3.00	12.54
Jan. 12, 1929	Houston and Carleton by Wm. Houston	"	150.00		39.72		3.84		43.56
Jan. 12, 1929	John Colby by Emma Smith	"	50.00		4.71		1.09		5.80
Apr. 1, 1936	Dana Fadden, Sr. by James Fadden	"	100.00		7.14		2.16	3.00	6.30
Apr. 1, 1936	E. C. Burleigh by Abbie Burleigh	"	50.00		2.47		1.05	1.50	2.02
Apr. 1, 1936	A. C. & Daniel Moulton by Lena Moulton	"			19.91		4.44	4.00	20.35
May 26, 1936	John Burleigh by Abbie Burleigh	"	100.00		5.89		2.12	2.00	6.01
Oct. 13, 1936	Mason & Smith by Frances Smith	"	75.00		3.33		1.58	2.00	2.91
Jan. 31, 1940	Daniel James by Melvina Gilman	"	50.00		.80		1.02	1.00	.82
May 24, 1940	Romanzo & John Johnson by Romanzo Johnson	"	100.00		2.94		2.08	3.00	2.02
Feb. 27, 1941	Harry & Will Emmons by Geo Morrill and Frances Emmons	"	200.00		7.94		4.20	5.00	7.14
Nov. 3, 1941	John Elkins & John Richards by Susan Elkins	"	100.00		3.25		2.08	3.00	2.33
Jan. 30, 1943	Warren Moulton by Annie Moulton	"	50.00		3.78		1.06		4.84
June 16, 1943	Charles and Jonathan Gordon by Grace Gordon	"	100.00		6.48		2.12		8.60
July 11, 1944	Campbell and Bowles by Mrs. Bertha Bowles	"	100.00		.74		2.00		2.74
Mar. 12, 1946	Alfred M. Dame by Alfred M. Dame	"	100.00		2.06		2.05	1.50	2.61
Oct. 10, 1944	Mad River Cemetery Fund by Walter I. Lee	"	2000.00				40.19		40.19
Oct. 11, 1945	West Thornton Library Fund by Walter I. Lee	"	2000.00				40.19	40.00	.19
Oct. 11, 1945	Margaret Smith Fund by Margaret Smith	"	500.00		23.30		3.49	8.00	18.79
Nov. 6, 1946									
TOTALS			6225.00		165.27		121.44	80.00	206.71

GLENROY M. HOWLAND, { Trustees.
SCOTT A. BENTON {
KENNETH W. ROBBINS }

Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Date of Birth	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Cond			Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male	Female	Color							
June 15	Wayne Gordon	M	L	4W	Charles H Smith	Frances E Coursey	W	Thornton	Mill Hand	Moose River Me	Waterville Vt
July 11	Lester William	M	L	3W	Richard L Bradley	Dorothy W Corkam	W	Thornton	Farmer	Thornton	Readsboro Vt
July 15	Pauline K	F	L	6W	Leroy P Uhlman	Marjorie E McCoy	W	Thornton	Farmer	Thornton	Campton
Nov 2	Malcolm C	M	L	3W	Charles L Kimball	Irene L Jenkins	W	Thornton	Farmer	No Woodstock	Newark Vt
Nov 11	Malcolm W	M	L	3W	George F Swetson	Florence A Ripley	W	Thornton	Rigger on Drills	Chelsea Mass	Thornton

Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Date—1947	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Times married	Name residence and Official Station of person by whom married
Jan 11	Plymouth	Jonathan G Anderson Doris V Hodgson	Thornton Campton	18 23	W W	Mill work Truck driver	Bellville N J Campton	Eric H Anderson Sigrid Sundberg Mae R Cote	Sweden Sweden Sandwich	Machinist Housewife Machine oiler	1 1	1 Deane L Hodges Clergyman Plymouth
Apr 26	Thornton	Raymond A Holbrook Phyllis E Benton	Thornton Thornton	27 20	W W	Truck driver Bank teller	Saxon Falls Vt Thornton	Frances Towers Raymond Holbrook Scott Benton	Canada Vermont Vermont	Housewife Not known Housewife	1	1 Robert C Sharp Clergyman Clergyman
June 15	Lincoln	Eric A Leonhardt Arlene L Forbes	Thornton Thornton	22 21	W W	Lumber busin's Office work	Stuttgart Germany Colebrook	Evelyn Merrill Otto Leonhardt Anna Gurler Leis Cass	Thornton Baden Germany Germany Colebrook	Housewife Retired Housewife Farmer	1	1 William Sinclair Clergyman Clergyman
July 12	Plymouth	Harold Sherburn Jr Ruth G Downing	Plymouth Thornton	21 18	W W	Store clerk At home	Plymouth Thornton	Harold Sherburn Laving Eastman Ezra Downing Marion Tobyne	Columbia Plymouth Ashland Ellsworth	Housewife Mail carrier Housewife Farmer	1	1 Deane L Hodges Clergyman Clergyman
Oct 25	Plymouth	Howard H Murphy Aurelia A Rodgers	Thornton Thornton	26 19	W W	Mill work At home	Berlin Campton	Henry Murphy Eloise Desrochers David Rodgers Mina Edgel	Thornton Charlestown Mass Campton Thornton	Housewife Electrician Housewife Housewife	1	1 Rev A Verrette Catholic Priest Plymouth
Nov 15	Campton	Victor A Aldridge Beverly C Young	Thornton Rumney	20 19	W W	At home At home	Bartlett Woonsocket R I	Harold V. Aldridge Alice MacDonald Karl Young Barbara Faquet	Bartlett Woonsocket R I Woonsocket R I Peterborough	Truckman Housewife Auto mechanic Housewife	1	1 L E Alexander Clergyman Franklin

Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age		Place of Birth		Sex and Cond		Occupation		Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days	Male, Female	Single, mar., w.	Color	Father	Mother				
Jan 12	Thornton	Elizabeth Needham	83	9	20	Boston	Mass	F W M	Housewife	Germany	Not Known	Christopher Becker	Not Known	
Mar 4	Thornton	Karl Gray	40	7	28	Bartlett		M W M	Hill hand	Lunenburg Vt	Bartlett	Walter Gray	Hattie Mason	
Mar 3	Ashtand	Joseph Gilman	88	2	7	Orford		M W M	Farmer	Not Known	Not Known	Enoch Gilman	Not Known	
Mar 25	Lincoln	Russell E Fader	50	9	20	Halifax	N S	M W D	Accountant	Bayside N S	Halifax N S	Samuel L Fader	Lottie Grace Hurbley	
July 20	Holderness	Lloyd D Hazeltine	19	10	15	Thornton		M W S	Truck driver	Thornton	Thornton	Sterl Hazeltine	Vera Selingham	
Aug 31	Thornton	Cynthia Theller	70	2		Austria		F W W	Housewife	Austria	Austria	Not Known	Not Known	
Nov 27	Thornton	Fred L George	34	5	24	Danville		M W M	Retired	Lawrence Mass	Danville	James George	Lilla Collins	
Nov 29	Franklin	John Frank Willey	81	6	17	Thornton		M W M	Lumberman	Ellsworth	Ellsworth	William Willey	Jane	
Dec 20	Haverhill	George Ward	75			Ireland		M W W	Farmer	Ireland	Ireland	Patrick Ward	Mary Maiken	

School Report

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Thornton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the ninth day of March, 1948, at two o'clock in the afternoon or immediately following Town Meeting to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 for music instruction in the Public Schools.
10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate \$250.00 for an Audio-visual camera to be used for the Public Schools.

Given under our hands at said Thornton this 27th day of January, 1948

FLORENCE STEELE,
EVA S. GREY,
NELLIE ADAMS,

School Board of Thornton, N. H.

A true copy—Attest:

FLORENCE STEELE,
EVA S. GREY,
NELLIE ADAMS,

School Board of Thornton, N. H.

THORNTON SCHOOL BOARD

School Board

Florence Steele

Eva S. Gray

Nellie Adams

Treasurer and Clerk

Irma Sullivan

Auditor

Frances Avery

Superintendent of Schools

Arthur S. Rollins

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

1946	
Received from Selectmen, appropriation	\$ 3,700.00
Received from Campton School District for books	.63
Received from American Education Press Inc. Refund	16.87
1947	
Received from Selectmen, appropriation	\$ 4,000.00
Received from State Treasurer	2,664.09
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Total Receipts	\$10,381.59
Cash on hand, June 30, 1946	\$ 189.71
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	\$10,571.30
Total payments	\$10,311.54
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Cash on hand, June 30, 1947	\$ 259.76

IRMA SULLIVAN,
District Treasurer, Thornton.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1947

Receipts

State Aid

Equalization and (or) General Aid	\$ 2,664.09
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Local Taxation (Money actually received)

Support of schools, tuition, salaries, debt and interest and other statutory obligations	6,686.00
Special appropriations	200.00
Balance of previous appro- priations	814.00

From Sources Other Than Taxation

Other receipts	17.50	
	<hr/>	\$10,381.59
Cash on hand at beginning of year July 1, 1946		189.71
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GRAND TOTAL		\$10,571.30

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Thornton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANCES AVERY,

July 14, 1947

Auditor.

Payments

Administration

	General	High	Elementary
Salaries of district officers	\$ 200.00		
Superintendent's excess salary	180.00		
Tax for state wide supervision	162.00		
Expenses of administration			
Clerical assistants	34.00		
Supplies and expenses	95.77		

Instruction

Principals' and teachers' salaries			\$ 4,568.80
Text books			130.04
Scholars' supplies			228.49
Other expenses of instruction:			
Supplies (& flags),			
other expenses			64.49

Operation of School Plant

Janitor's salaries			222.00
Fuel or heat			288.25
Water, light, janitors' supplies			53.82
Repairs and replacements			91.15

Auxiliary Activities

Health Supervision:			
Salaries			194.00

Transportation:

Contract services			1,538.80
School operated service	\$1,946.53		

Tuition - Elem. & Secondary 199.00

Other activities 6.85

Fixed Charges

Insurance	45.00
State retirement and other	56.00

Capital Outlay

New equipment	6.55
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Total payments for
all purposes \$10,311.54

Total cash on hand
at end of year
June 30, 1947 259.76

Grand Total \$10,571.30

BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 30, 1947

Assets

Cash on hand	\$ 259.76
Total Assets	259.76

Grand Total	\$ 259.76
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Liabilities

Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities) \$ 259.76

Grand Total	\$ 259.76
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Administration

Salaries District Officers

Irma Sullivan	\$ 40.00
Florence Steele	80.00
Nellie Adams	40.00
Eva Grey	40.00

	<hr style="width: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$ 200.00
Superintendent's excess salary	180.00
Truant Officer and school census	10.00
Expense of Administration	119.77

Instruction

Carolyn Stevens	\$ 1,532.00
Mildred Thompson	1,480.80
Leona Edgell	772.00
Olive Benton	726.50
Eva Grey	57.50

	<hr style="width: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$ 4,568.80
Textbooks	130.04
Scholar Supplies	228.49
Flags	.20
Other Expense of Instruction	64.29
Janitor Service	222.00

Fuel

Lloyd Hazeltine	\$ 35.00
Smith Merrill	198.00
Merlond McLeod	18.00
Draper Corporation	16.00
Donald Johnson	8.75
Evelyn White	5.25
Mildred Thompson	3.00
Carolyn Stevens	4.25

	<hr style="width: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$ 288.25
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Water, light, Janitor Supplies		53.82
Minor Repairs and Expenses		91.15
Medical Inspection		194.00
Transportation Pupils		
Glenroy Howland	\$ 910.00	
Harry Uhlman	344.00	
Richard Bradley	284.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,538.80
High School Tuition		1,946.53
Elementary Tuition		199.00
Other Special Activities		6.85
Insurance		45.00
New Equipment		6.55
Teacher Retirement		56.00
Per Capita Tax		162.00
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		\$10,311.54
Cash on hand July 1, 1947		259.76
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Grand Total		\$10,571.30

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATE FOR 1948-1949

School District of Thornton

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools	Elementary	
Teachers' Salaries	\$ 5,500.00	
Text Books	175.00	
Scholars' Supplies	325	
Flags and Appurtenances	15.00	
Other Expenses of Instruction	75.00	
Janitor Service	342.00	
Fuel	300.00	
Water, Light, Janitors' Supplies	175.00	
Minor Repairs and Expenses	200.00	
Health Supervision (Medical Inspection)	220.00	
Transportation of Pupils	1,700.00	
Payment of Elementary Tuitions	456.00	
Other Special Activities	40.00	
Insurance	45.00	
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		\$ 9,568.00
 Other Statutory Requirements		
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 200.00	
Truant Officer and School Census	25.00	
Payment of Tuition in High Schools and Academies	2,700.00	
Superintendent's Excess Salary	250.00	
Per Capita Tax	186.00	
Retirement	245.00	
Other Obligations	150.00	
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		\$ 3,756.00
 Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget		
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		\$13,324.00

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30 1948 (Est.)	\$	200.00
State Aid (Dec. 1948 Allot.)		5,200.00
Dog Tax (Estimate)		100.00
Other Estimated Income		
Forest Reserve		125.00
Deduct Total Estimated Income		
(Not raised by taxation)	\$	5,625.00
Assessment Required to Balance		
school board's budget	\$	7,699.00
Special Appropriation Proposed		
(Article in Warrant)		
Music		300.00
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Total Assessment required to cover budget		
and appropriations	\$	7,999.00

FLORENCE STEELE,
NELLIE ADAMS,
EVA S. GREY,

School Board

Thornton, N. H., January 27, 1948

ANNUAL REPORT OF

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Thornton School Board:

My fifth annual report here presented contains the usual statistical tables and discussions of school administration that directly concern you and should be of interest to all people of Thornton.

When the school calendar for the ensuing year is published among other statistics many people fail to find it and are uncertain about dates of opening and closing of school and days when no school sessions are expected. To remove that difficulty the 1948-1949 calendar is presented with explanations at the beginning of this report.

A recent ruling from the office of the Commissioner of education makes a school year of at least 180 days mandatory. That requirement necessitates a year of 38 weeks without much flexibility if schools are to close near the middle of June. The calendar follows:

Term Begins	Term Ends	No. of Weeks	No. School Days	Expected Days of No School
Sept. 7, 1948	Dec. 23, 1948	16	72	8
Jan. 3, 1949	Feb. 18, 1949	7	35	0
Feb. 28, 1949	April 22, 1949	8	40	0
May 2, 1949	June 17, 1949	7	34	1
		38	181	9

The nine days of expected no school are: Labor Day, Fair Day, State Convention (2), Armistice Day, Thanksgiving with the following Friday, December 24, May 30.

Time lost on account of illness or bad weather should be made up in Saturday sessions immediately following the lost sessions.

It was indicated a year ago that the revision in our geography program would allow for the completion of geography in Grade Seven thus making time available in Grade Eight for work in science. This year, for the first time, eighth grade pupils are now receiving instruction in science. This change should be of value to them both as a means of better preparation for the science which they will take in high school and thru a broadening of their own individual interests.

From time to time, questions are asked about our testing program and the uses we make of the information obtained from those tests. An annual test of mental ability is given in grades one and four. A different test is used for each grade. Achievement tests are given at approximately the middle of each year. The results of the mental tests are not used definitely to label a child as slow, bright or superior. They are used as a general guide for teachers who try to meet individual needs of children and they also enable us to determine whether a given child is working up to the limit of his indicated capacity. The results of achievement tests enable us to determine what parts of a pupil's work need more attention and at what points we can give the most help. The tests used are sufficiently well standardized to give a very accurate picture of accomplishment at any period during the school year. A second achievement test is given later in the year to those pupils who showed marked deficiencies on the first one for the purpose of determining how much improvement has been made and how effective have been the measures we adopted for help. The results of achievement tests and the actual daily work done by pupils are the two determining factors in decisions about promotions. My experience has shown me that promotion for those pupils about whose future success

there may be reasonable doubt is not a kindness or a help to them. In every case the Supt. and the teacher make every effort to reach a decision which will be for the ultimate good of the pupil.

Thornton teachers in conjunction with elementary teachers in all other towns in this Union with the exception of Plymouth are at work on the development of a program of Conservation teaching. The particular phase of conservation we are considering is that of Conservation of Forest Products. In this undertaking we have an opportunity to do some valuable pioneer work which ought to benefit the State as a whole and particularly our children in this town.

At the time this report is written the approximate amount of State Aid that may be expected in December 1948, has not been announced but it seems reasonable to assume that it will be very near the amount which was received in 1947. The primary purpose of increased State Aid is not tax reduction but an expansion and improvement of educational opportunity within the district which receives that aid. The use of 1947 State Aid was restricted by action of the legislature but beyond that one year school districts may spend State Aid funds at their discretion. If Thornton chooses to use State Aid money in accordance with the true purpose for which it is granted, steady improvement in our schools can be realized without undue financial burden to the town.

There are only two towns in my Union which do not provide music instruction in the schools. Thornton is one of those towns. However, sentiments that have been expressed to me seem to indicate that parents would welcome that additional opportunity for their children. If our budget can include the necessary money, I am hopeful that such instruction may be offered next year. If Thornton and the other towns in this Union can see their way clear to make adequate financial provision it ought to be possible to engage a music teacher who will devote his entire time to the schools in Union 48. Since I have always greatly felt the lack of music education in my own life, I am es-

pecially anxious to make it available for the children under my supervision.

Transportation requirements in this town fluctuate from year to year but apparently will always be present. When we have families with children of school age living two miles or more from the school which those children attend, transportation becomes a statutory obligation.

Our school furniture is showing signs of wearing out. We ought to begin gradual replacement of old furniture and continue until our schools are all properly equipped. Our plan will have to be a gradual one because of the inflated cost of school furniture at the present time.

The people of Thornton are to be congratulated on the appointment of a committee to investigate and report on school building needs in this town. As pointed out a year ago, actual construction should be deferred until such time as building costs are more reasonable and financial structure of the town will permit building. As I understand it, the regular debt limit that Thornton may assume could not make ample provision for the kind of school house construction we ought to have. In view of local interest in this matter, two laws passed the last session of our legislature are worthy of thorough investigation and study. One of these laws makes legal the establishment of capital reserves in anticipation of future needs and the other provides for the formation of cooperative school districts when two or more towns wish to pool their resources. It may well be that one or both of those laws can offer some help in the solution of the problem on which you are now at work.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation of the friendly and cooperative spirit which has existed in my contacts with the school board and the people of Thornton.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR S. ROLLINS,

Superintendent of Schools.

THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Year 1946-1947

School	Teacher	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Per Cent Attendance	Supt's. Visits	School Board Visits
West Thornton						
	Mrs. Mildred E. Thompson	32	27.34	94.22	20	6
Center						
	Carolyn T. Stevens	19	17.48	95.54	22	4
Mad River						
	Mrs. Leona Edgell)	16	14.96	98.26	19	7
	Mrs. Olive Benton)					
		67	59.78	96.01	61	17

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

School Year 1946-1947

John Benton Eileen McKinnon Morton White

1947 GRADUATES OF THORNTON SCHOOLS

Franklin H. Aldridge	Priscilla Uhlman
Harry S. Gilman	Nancy Mae Uhlman
Winston W. Merrill	Ruth Elizabeth Uhlman
Vivian E. Levasseur	Alton George Benton
Dorothy L. Haynes	Clifford Emery Harding
	Robert Walter Inkell

UNREPEATED REGISTRATION IN THORNTON

SCHOOLS — School Year 1946-1947

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
1	1	5	6
2	4	5	9
3	7	4	11
4	5	1	6
5	2	4	6
6	1	5	6
7	3	3	6
8	6	4	10
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	29	31	60

(Unrepeated registration does not include pupils who have been enrolled in a public or private school anywhere else in the state during the school year).

TEACHERS IN THORNTON SCHOOLS

School Year 1947-1948

West Thornton

Mrs. Mildred E. Thompson Grades 1 to 8

Center

Carolyn T. Stevens Grades 1 to 8

Mad River

Mrs. Olive Benton Grades 1 to 8

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To Thornton School Board:

I herewith submit the report of school nursing from September, 1946 to July, 1947:

Number of children inspected	57
Dental defects found	20
Tonsils, enlarged or diseased	10
Enlarged glands	5
Defective vision	3
Underweight, 10% or more	3

These corrections were reported made:

Dental	18
Tonsil operations	2
Vision	4

Seven children had dental work done at the Plymouth dental clinics, partly paid by the Red Cross. Transportation to these clinics was furnished by the Thornton Grange Welfare program.

The Audiometer test for hearing was given to the children in the third to eighth grades inclusively. 38 children took the test, two of whom had some hearing loss.

Hot lunches were served in some of the schools which were greatly appreciated by children and parents.

No communicable diseases were reported.

In the Fall of 1947 inspection was again made with the following results:

Number of children inspected	57
Dental defects	18
Tonsils, enlarged or diseased	8
Glands	4
Vision	2
Hearing	1

These corrections have been reported to date: -

Dental	15
Vision	1
Tonsils	1

The usual program of Health Education, daily classroom inspection and talks is being carried on by the teachers.

Seven children have attended the dental clinic at Plymouth.

Hot supplementary lunches are again heartily welcomed by the children.

I take this opportunity to thank parents, children, teachers, School Board, and Superintendent who have shown interest and have helped in the health work of the school children.

Respectfully submitted,

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